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FOR SECRETARY, UNDERSECRETARY HABIB, AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY IO LEWIS ONLY FROM SCRANTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AORG, APER, UN
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DECEMBER 2

REF: STATE 284117

SCRANTON DISCUSSED FIVE MATTERS WITH THE SYG:

1. SCRANTON REPORTED TO SYG THAT LEWIS HAD PREVIOUSLY
DISCUSSED WITH THE CANADIANS THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING
INTERESTED IN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL POSITION AND THAT THE
CANADIANS HAD STATED THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED. FURTHER WE
HAD INFORMED THE CANADIANS THAT IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT
A LATIN WOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE NUMBER ONE POSITION IN
THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND WE ASKED CANADA TO SUPPORT OUR
NUMBER TWO POSITION.

2. ONCE AGAIN, SCRANTON STRONGLY PROTESTED ACTIVITIES
OF GERVASI AND REQUESTED THE REMOVAL OF GERVASI IMMEDIATELY
WHILE PRESENTING ANOTHER GERVASI REPORT TO THE SYG. SYG
REPORTED THAT HE HAD GIVEN ORDER TO DAVIDSON THAT GERVASI
CONNECTIONS BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY.

3. SCRANTON PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THE
MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
RE-ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA AND THE FOUR MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS
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IN THE MEMORANDUM WERE DISCUSSED. SYG INDICATED APPROVAL

OF THE SUGGESTIONS AND SEEMED TO APPRECIATE THEM. WHEN LATER SCRANTON MADE SUGGESTION OF TYPE OF ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED SUCH AS FRANK CARLUCCI, THIS DID NOT ENTICE SYG ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH CARLUCCI. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE SYG HAD IN MIND THE NECESSITY OF A LATIN AMERICAN OR SOME OTHER THIRD-WORLDER FOR THE NUMBER TWO POSITION IN GENEVA. SYG FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE ITALIANS AND THE GERMANS, AND TO SOME EXTENT, THE FRENCH WERE PUSHING VERY HARD FOR THE WINSPEARE POSITION.

4. SCRANTON PRESENTED THE NAME OF PEIDER KONZ FOR THE D-2 POSITION OF DIRECTORSHIP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION. SYG HAD NEVER HEARD OF KONZ AND AGREED TO LOOK INTO HIS BACKGROUND AND INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY. SYG MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT VAN BOVEN OF THE NETHERLANDS, TO THAT POSITION. HE ALSO STATED THAT BROLIO OF ITALY HAD BEEN STRONGLY ADVOCATED, BUT VAN BOVEN WAS CLEARLY MORE QUALIFIED.

5. SCRANTON INFORMED SYG THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT WALDHEIM FOR ELECTION AS SECRETARY-GENERAL. SYG POINTED OUT MANEUVERS OF CHINESE CONCERNING THE ELECTION PROCEDURE AND THE HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR VETOING HIS CANDIDACY ON THE FIRST BALLOT. SYG SEEMED COMFORTABLY CERTAIN OF SOVIET VETOES OF ECHEVERRIA ON ALL BALLOTS, BUT INDICATED HIS HOPE THAT SYG WOULD NOT BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF RELIANCE ON SOVIET VETO FOR HIS ELECTION.
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